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Art Unit: 1724

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In Re Application of:****DuBose et al.****Serial No.: 09/975,870****Filed: October 12, 2001****Confirmation No.: 9713****Group Art Unit: 1724****Examiner: Robert H. Spitzer****Docket No. 820504-1010****For: Method for Species and Exchange and an Apparatus Therefore****STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP****The undersigned, Ronald A. DuBose, declares and states as follows:**

1. I am a co-inventor of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/975,870 and the inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,013,385.
2. I am the Chief Executive Office of Emprise Technology Associates Corporation, the Assignee of the entire interest of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/975,870. The assignment was recorded with the USPTO on January 9, 2002, at reel 012556 and frame 0373.
3. Emprise Technology Associates Corporation is the Assignee of the entire interest of U.S. Patent No. 6,013,385. The assignment was recorded with the USPTO on March 27, 2000, at reel 010695 and frame 0226.
4. At the time the invention disclosed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/975,870 was made, Emprise Technology Associates Corporation owned both U.S. Patent Application No. 09/975,870 and U.S. Patent No. 6,013,385 and/or the inventors of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/975,870 were under an obligation to assign the invention to Emprise Technology Associates Corporation.

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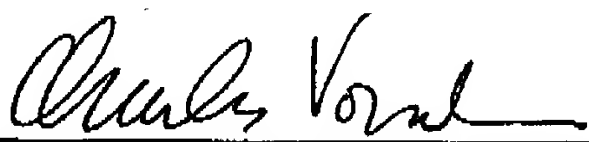
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Sir:

The Advisory Action mailed *March 17, 2004* (Paper No. 0315) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 4, 8-16, 19, 20, 22-24, 27-28, 30-32, and 34-37 are amended. Claims 1, 2 and 4-40 are pending in the present application upon entry of this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (SMALL)				Docket No. 820504-1010	
Applicant(s): DuBose et al.					
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Transmitted herewith is Response (With Amendments) in the above-identified application.					
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0	X \$43.00	\$0
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached in the amount of \$ _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of the above fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.					
 Charles Vorndran, Reg. No. 45,315			<u>3/29/04</u> Date		